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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING - DONOR PLEDGES

SUMMARY: RECAPITULATION OF ALL FORMS OF AID REFERRED TO AT
MEETING GIVEN BY COUNTRY OR SOURCE. ALL PAK CONSORTILUM MEMBERS
EXCEPT NORWAY, WHICH PROVIDES GRANT AID ONLY, MADE DEVELOP-
MENT AID CONDITIONAL ON RESOLUTION DEBT QUESTION. IN VIEW
SENSITIVITY THIS ISSUE, DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER POSTS IS LEFT
FOR WASHINGTON DETERMINATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE FOLLOW ON A SOURCE- BY- SOURCE BASIS INDICATIONS OF
COMMITMENTS MADE BY COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF
BANGLADESH, DACCA, MARCH 31- APRIL 1. FOOD AID WAS COMMITTED
WITHOUT ANY CONDITION WITH RESPECT TO DIVISION BETWEEN BANGLADESH
AND PAKISTAN OF LIABILITY OF DEBT FOR OLD AID TO FORMER UNITED
STATE. PLEDGES ARE FOR NEW AID, LARGELY DURING FY 74 (JULY
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1973- JULY 1974), FIRST YEAR OF BD FIVE YEAR PLAN:

2. COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS:

A. AUSTRALIA - 54,000 METRIC TONS WHEAT UNDER FAC. TOTAL AID AUS. \$12.42 MILLION OVER THREE- YEAR PERIOD THROUGH FY 76, OF WHICH AUS. \$4.875 MILLION FOR FY 74. OF TOTAL, AUS. \$8.92 MILLION FOOD AND AUS. \$3.2 MILLION PROJECT. ALL GRANT. NO CONDITIONS PLACED RE SETTLEMENT DEBT ISSUE; AUSTRALIA NOT MEMBER OF PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM AND THEREFORE NOT BOUND BY AGREEMENT RE EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF DEBT MADE BY PAK CONSORTIUM MEMBERS RECENTLY IN PARIS. ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE NO DEBT PROBLEM; ALL PAST AID TO UNITED PAKISTAN WAS GRANT.

B. AUSTRIA - AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI MRS. SAILER, LEADER OF UN MISSION TO BANGLADESH MARCH 1972, WAS TO ATTEND BUT DID NOT APPEAR.

C. BELIGUM - 17,500 TONS WHEAT COSTING FR. 11 MILLION, AS PART OF EEC CONTRIBUTION. FR. 50 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT LOAN AT 2 PERCENT INTEREST, FOR 30 YEARS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS GRACE (ON BOTH INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL). LATTER PLEDGE MADE CONDITIONAL ON RESOLUTION DEBT QUESTION.

D. CANADA - \$35 MILLION IN FOOD AID AT 0 PERCENT INTEREST, FOR 50 YEARS INCLUDING 10 GRACE. NO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO BE COMMITTED UNTIL DEBT PROBLEM RESOLVED.

E. DENMARK - NO DIRECT FOOD AID, THOUGH PESTICIDES, PUMPS AND OTHER AID WILL HEGP. SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 30 MILLION KRONE IN LOANS AND GRANTS PLEDGED, AT 0 PERCENT, 35 YEARS, WITH 10 GRACE (AS OPPOSED TO 7 IN PAST). NO CONDITIONS LAID DOWN RE DEBT; NOT MEMBER OF PAK CONSORTIUM.

F. FRANCE - 58,000 TONS WHEAT THROUGH EEC, UNDER FAC, PLUS 15,000 TONS BILATERALLY, PENDING FORTHCOMING ECM DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. AROUND FR. 20 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AID, CONDITIONAL ON DEBT SETTLEMENT.

G. FINLAND - WAS INVITED BUT DID NOT APPEAR.

H. GERMANY - 58,000 TONS WHEAT VALUED AT DM 27 MILLION THROUGH EEC, PLUS 38,000 TONS VALUED AT DM 18 MILLION, BILATERALLY. DM 70 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT LOAN, DM 50 MILLION IN COMMODITIES AND DM 20 MILLION FOR PROJECTS, AT 0.75 PERCENT FOR 50 YEARS, 10 GRACE - CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT OF DEBT QUESTION.

I. ITALY - UNINSTRUCTED REP WAS CHARGE/ DACCA, WHO MADE NO COMMENT AND NO PLEDGE. ACCORDING TO EEC REP, WILL BE GIVING 17,500 TONS WHEAT THROUGH EEC.

J. JAPAN - 100,000 TONS BROWN RICE, UNDER DEFERRED PAYMENT
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